

# Indaba on Active Citizenship



## The Father Heart Series 2-5 September 2014

A joint venture between  
**UFS Community Engagement Directorate and Bloem Shelter**

### Programme

- Day 1** Community Mobilisation
- Day 2** Women, Youth and Children
- Day 3** Leadership
- Day 4** Community Engagement Open Day  
(RAG Farm) (FREE)

Venue: CR Swart Auditorium, UFS Bloemfontein Campus  
This is a CPD (continuing professional development) opportunity!  
Day tickets @ R50 per day (Day 1-3)  
Day tickets for CPD recipients @ R200 per day (Day 1-3)  
(refreshments and lunch included)  
Student Package @ R50 for 3 days  
Displays by various NGOs and other stakeholders  
Tickets available from Computicket until 25 August 2014

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to our:*

## **International Indaba on Active Citizenship**

The aim of the Indaba is to discuss ways and means in which individuals and communities can be empowered and mobilised to accept responsibility for their development, both as individuals and as communities.

During the struggle against apartheid, more citizens participated in the discussions, initiatives and organisations that endeavoured to improve South African society. Non-governmental programmes aimed at developing the lives of citizens in the areas of education, health, business, youth, women, leadership and social cohesion became very prominent in most communities.

The current degeneration of morality, breaking up of families, child-headed families, unemployment, violent crime, drug and substance abuse, homelessness and other challenges facing individuals and society necessitate the importance of the family – core and extended – to be strengthened in order to provide structure and direction to the upcoming generation.

Since the advent of South Africa's democracy, some citizens have adopted a less active role in contributing towards the development of their own lives and that of their communities. From a distance, it seems that citizens have abdicated their responsibility for themselves and their communities and depend solely on government institutions for development. Evidence of this fact is found in the protests regarding poor service delivery, lower rates of entrepreneurial initiatives and decreasing numbers of community-based development organisations, as well as cases of non-involvement in the process and structures that determine development.

In the light of the many challenges that government institutions have to face, society itself needs to be mobilised to assume responsibility for community development.

### **The format of the Indaba**

The Indaba is organised by the Community Engagement Directorate of the University of the Free State in partnership with Bloem Shelter as part of the Father Heart Series. Speakers are international experts hailing from universities, NGOs, NPOs, businesses, government, parastatals, and faith-based communities.

